

SENATE BILL 3290
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16
and Title 17, relative to the election of appellate
court judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-1-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Justices of the supreme court shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of §16-3-101. Judges of the court of appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of §§16-4-102 and 16-4-103. Judges of the court of criminal appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, in compliance with the requirements of §§16-5-102 and 16-5-103. Chancellors, circuit judges, and judges of special courts shall be elected by the qualified voters of the respective judicial districts, and special judicial districts.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 17, Chapter 4, is amended by deleting Parts 1 and 2.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.